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REQUEST TO CONVERT A PROVISIONAL  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(c)

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests for the conversion of the above referenced provisional application to a non-provisional application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(c), this request includes the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), the basic filing fee for the nonprovisional application, the surcharge set forth in 37 1.16(e) and a preliminary amendment adding a claim to the provisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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Enclosed are:

- (X) Preliminary Amendment in four (4) pages.
- (X) Request to Convert A Provisional Application.
- (X) The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/161,159, filed May 30, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,564,556, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/645,986, filed Oct. 27, 2000, now abandoned, in the name of J. Lyell Ginter and entitled HIGH EFFICIENCY LOW POLLUTION HYBRID BRAYTON CYCLE COMBUSTOR which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/042,231, filed Mar. 11, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,289,666, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/232,047, filed Apr. 26, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,743,080 issued Apr. 28, 1998 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/967,289, filed Oct. 27, 1992, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,617,719.
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